

CMS II-3: crystal structure, reciprocal lattice, and Brillouin zone

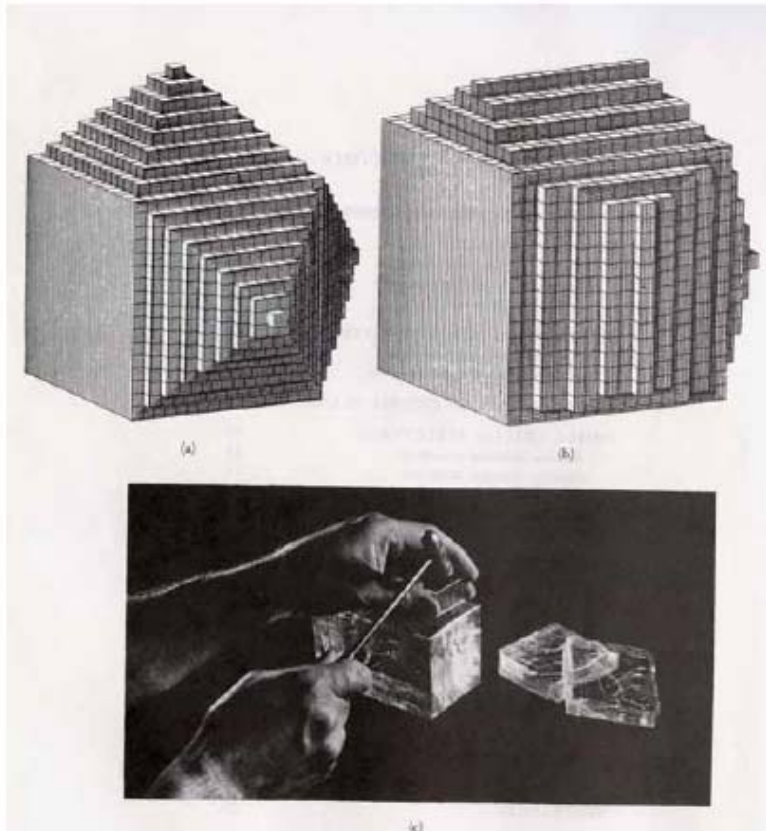
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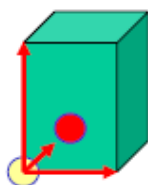
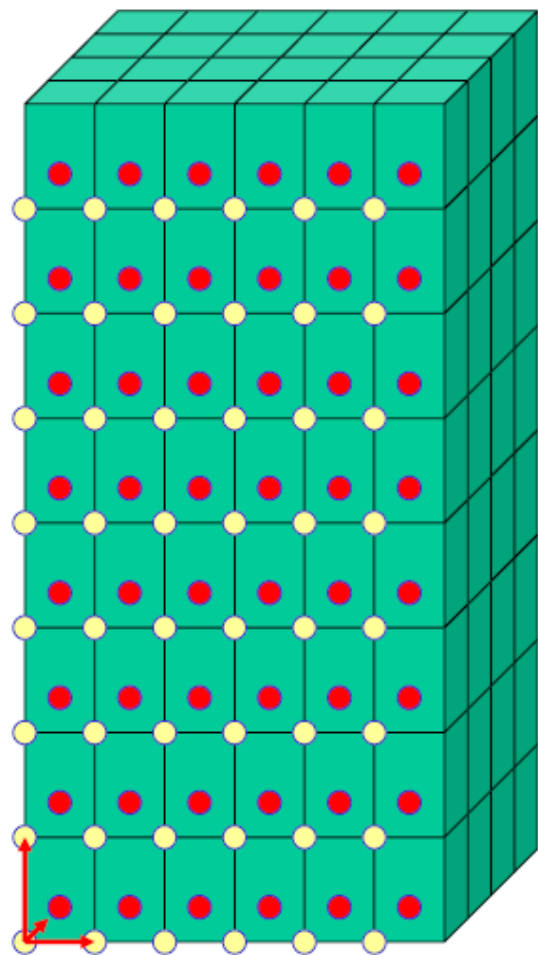
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Crystal structure



An ideal crystal is constructed by the infinite repetition of identical structure units in space.

Crystal structure: lattice + basis



A Bravais lattice consists of all points with position vectors $\vec{R}$

$$\vec{R} = n_1 \vec{a}_1 + n_2 \vec{a}_2 + n_3 \vec{a}_3$$

$\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3$: *primitive vectors*

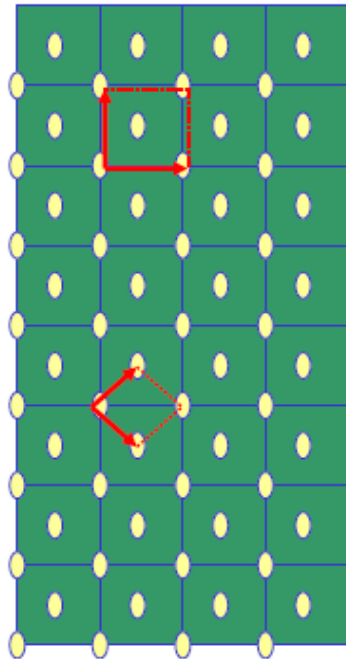
A basis of atoms is attached to every lattice point, with every basis identical in composition.

$$\vec{r}_i = x_1 \vec{a}_1 + x_2 \vec{a}_2 + x_3 \vec{a}_3$$

where $0 \leq x_1, x_2, x_3 \leq 1$

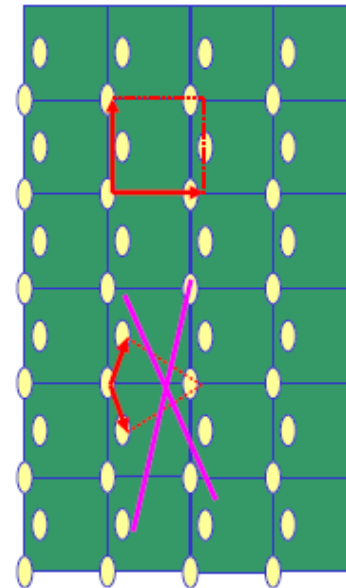
Face center square lattice

Square lattice



convention cell
Square lattice

Square lattice



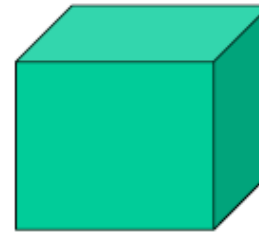
Primitive lattice

1. Simple cubic lattice

$$\bar{a}_1 = a\hat{i}$$

$$\bar{a}_2 = a\hat{j}$$

$$\bar{a}_3 = a\hat{k}$$

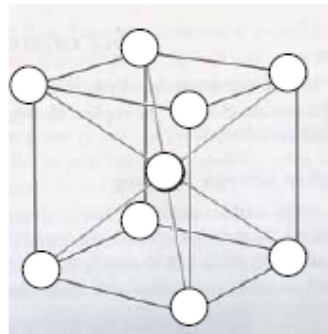


2. Body center cubic lattice

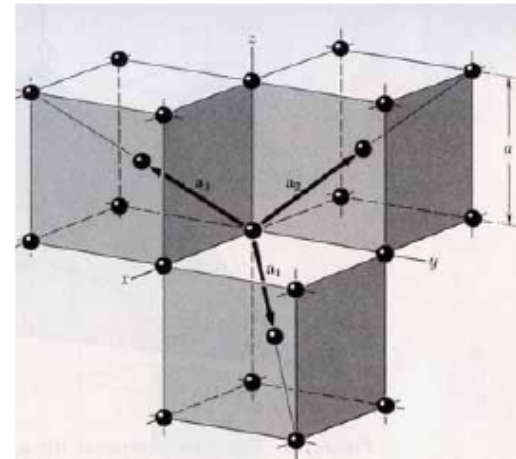
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**convention cell
simple cubic
(2 atoms)**

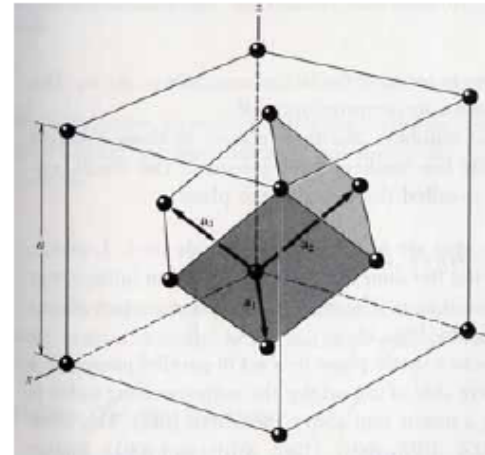
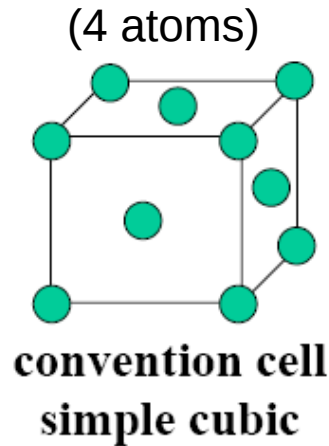


3. Face centered cubic lattice (fcc)

$$\bar{a}_1 = \frac{a}{2}(\bar{j} + \bar{k})$$

$$\bar{a}_2 = \frac{a}{2}(\bar{i} + \bar{k})$$

$$\bar{a}_3 = \frac{a}{2}(\bar{i} + \bar{j})$$

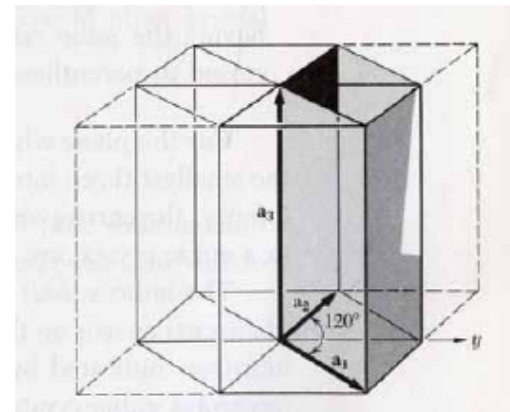


4. Hexagonal lattice

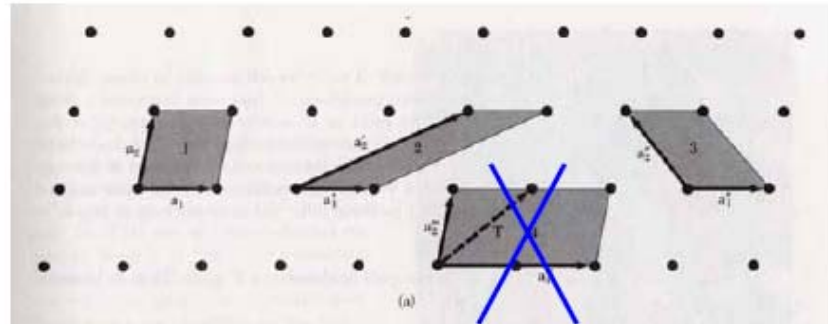
$$\bar{a}_1 = a\left(\frac{1}{2}\bar{i} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\bar{j}\right)$$

$$\bar{a}_2 = a\left(\frac{1}{2}\bar{i} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\bar{j}\right)$$

$$\bar{a}_3 = c\bar{k}$$

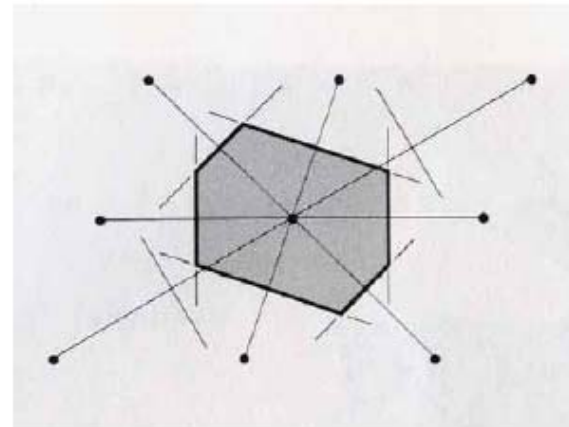


Primitive cell



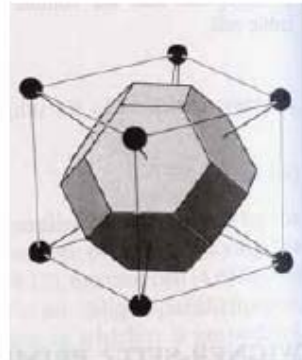
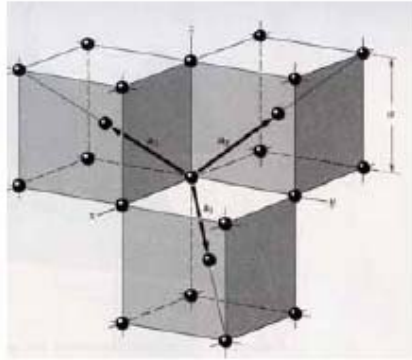
Wigner-Seitz primitive cell

Drawing lines connecting the point to all others in the lattice, bisecting each line with a plane, and taking the smallest polyhedron containing the point bounded by these planes



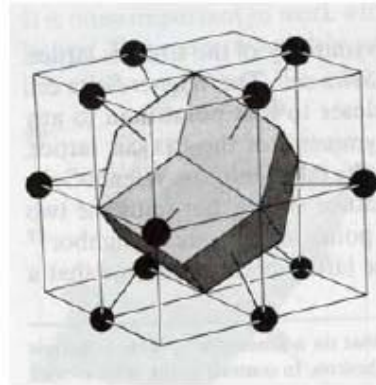
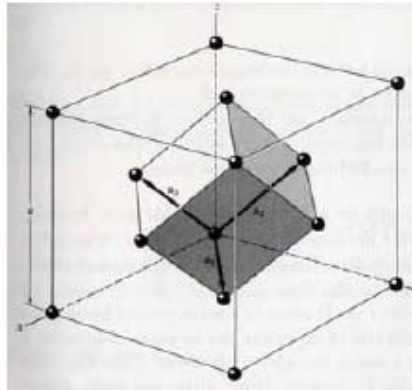
Examples of Wigner-Seitz primitive cell

bcc



Wigner-Seitz
primitive cell of
bcc lattice

fcc



Wigner-Seitz
primitive cell of
fcc lattice

Periodic table

Table 3 Crystal structures of the elements

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Li 78K		Be																B		C	N 20K	O	F	Ne 4K
bcc		hcp																rhomb.		diamond	cubic	complex		fcc
3.491		2.27 3.59																		3.567	5.66 (N ₂)	(O ₂)		4.46
Na 5K		Mg																Al		Si	P	S	Cl	Ar 4K
bcc		hcp																fcc		diamond	complex	complex	complex	fcc
4.225		3.21 5.21																4.05		5.430			(Cl ₂)	5.31
Crystal structure																								
a lattice parameter, in Å																								
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K 5K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr 4K							
bcc	fcc	hcp	hcp	bcc	bcc	cubic	bcc	hcp	fcc	fcc	hcp	complex	diamond	rhomb.	hex	complex	fcc							
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Rb 5K	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn (α)	Sb	Te	I	Xe 4K							
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5.585	6.08	3.65 5.73	3.23 5.15	3.30	3.15	2.74 4.40	2.71 4.28	3.80	3.89	4.09	2.98 5.62	3.25 4.95	6.49		chains	(I ₂)	6.13							
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bcc	bcc	hex.	hcp	bcc	bcc	hcp	hcp	fcc	fcc	fcc	rhomb.	hcp	fcc	rhomb.	sc									
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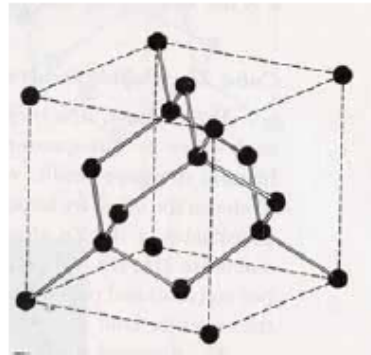
Examples of lattices with basis

1. Diamond structure

fcc lattice

$$\bar{\tau}_1 = 0$$

$$\bar{\tau}_2 = \frac{1}{4}(\bar{i} + \bar{j} + \bar{k})$$



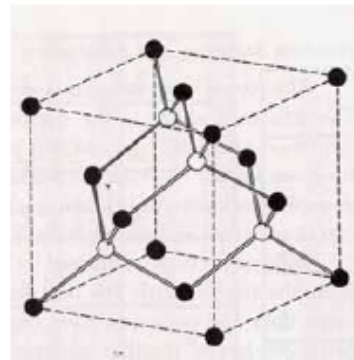
Diamond, Si, Ge

2. Zincblende structure

fcc lattice

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ZnS, GaAs
SiC, ZnS

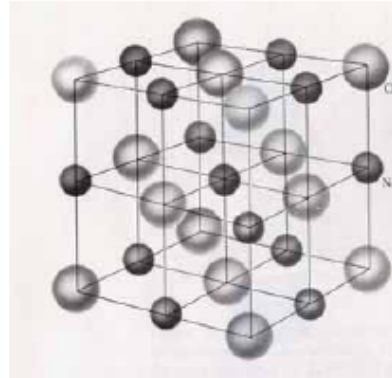
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3. Sodium chloride structure

fcc lattice

$$\vec{\tau}_1 = 0$$

$$\vec{\tau}_2 = \frac{a}{2} \vec{i}$$



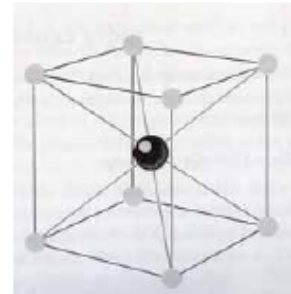
NaCl, LiH, MnO, KCl, KBr

4. Cesium chloride structure

sc lattice

$$\vec{\tau}_1 = 0$$

$$\vec{\tau}_2 = \frac{a}{2} (\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k})$$



CsCl, AgMg, AlNi, CuPd

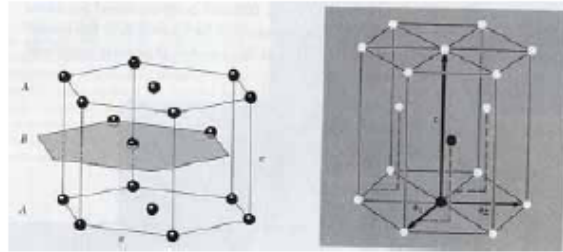
5. Hexagonal closed-packed structure (hcp)



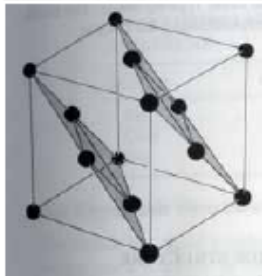
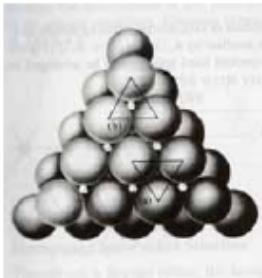
hex lattice

$$\bar{\tau}_1 = 0$$

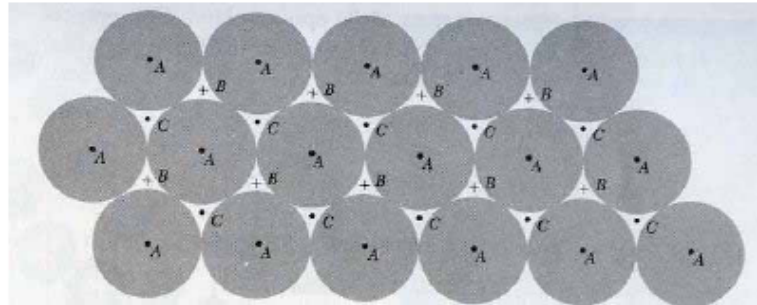
$$\bar{\tau}_2 = \frac{2}{3}\bar{a}_1 + \frac{1}{3}\bar{a}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\bar{a}_3$$



$$c \cong 1.633a$$



fcc along (111) direction



hcp: ABABABAB.....

fcc: ABCABCABC....

Reciprocal lattice

$$\vec{R} = n_1 \vec{a}_1 + n_2 \vec{a}_2 + n_3 \vec{a}_3$$

$\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3$: primitive vectors



$$\vec{G} = h \vec{b}_1 + k \vec{b}_2 + l \vec{b}_3$$

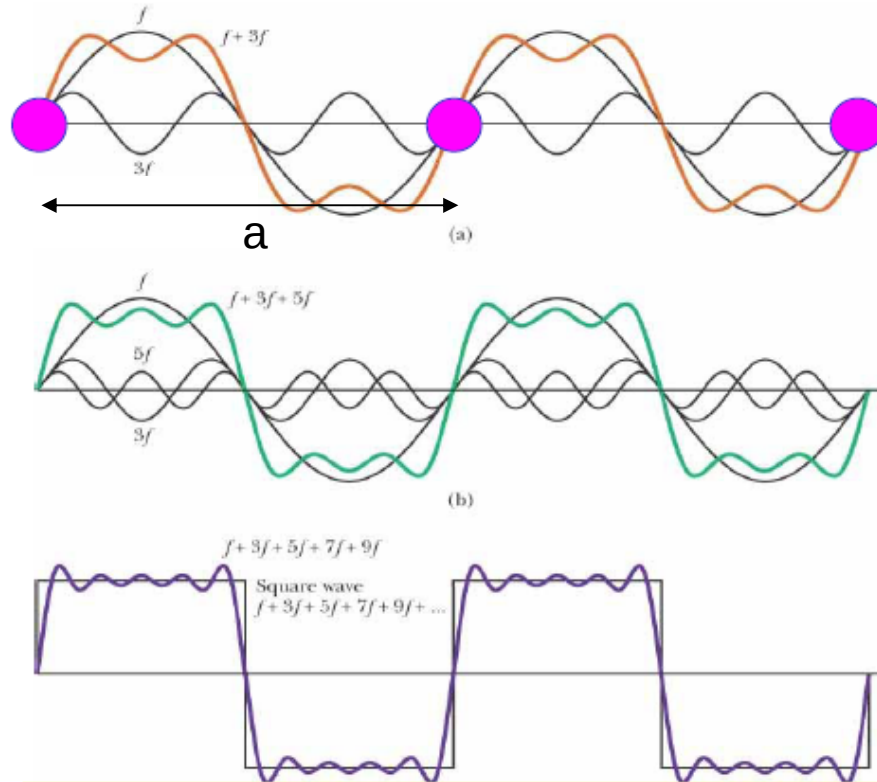
$\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3$: reciprocal lattice vectors

$$\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{b}_j = 2\pi \delta_{ij} \quad \text{where} \quad \delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1 & i = j \end{cases}$$

The reciprocal lattice vectors is given by:

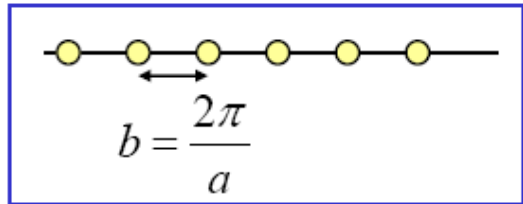
$$\vec{b}_1 = 2\pi \frac{\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3}{\vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)} \quad ; \quad \vec{b}_2 = 2\pi \frac{\vec{a}_3 \times \vec{a}_1}{\vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)} \quad ; \quad \vec{b}_3 = 2\pi \frac{\vec{a}_1 \times \vec{a}_2}{\vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)}$$

One dimensional lattice



$$y(x) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1} (A_n \sin k_n x + B_n \cos k_n x)$$

Reciprocal Lattice



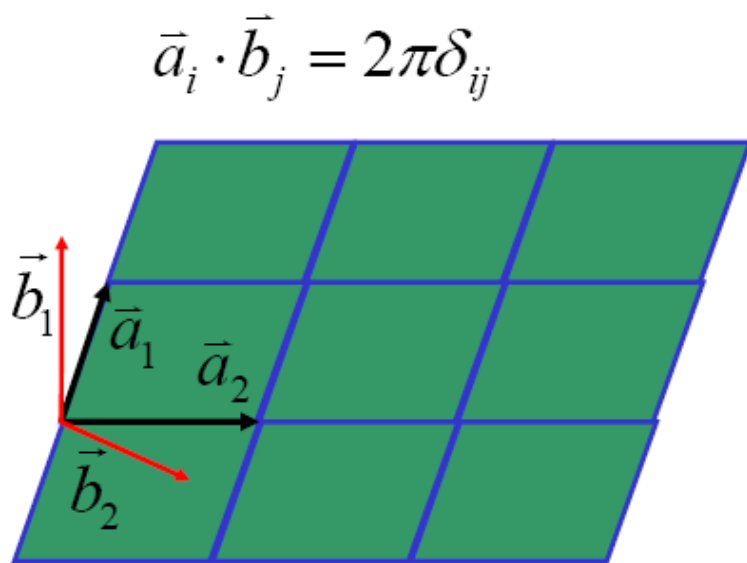
$$\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{b}_j = 2\pi \delta_{ij}$$

$$b = \frac{2\pi}{a}$$

$$k_n = n \frac{2\pi}{a}$$

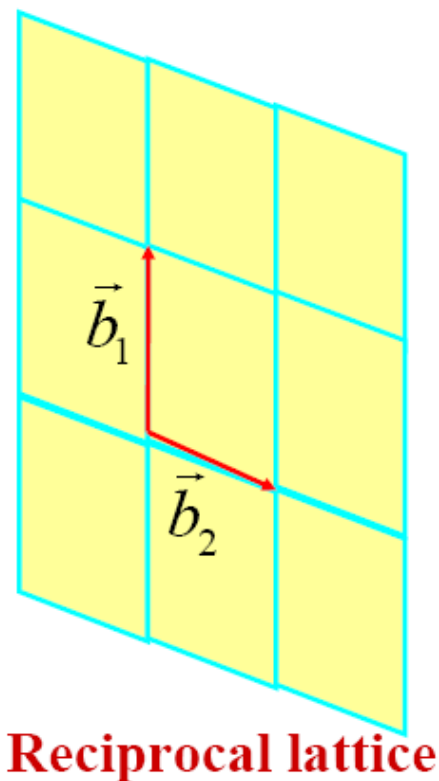
$$y(x) = \sum_n C_n e^{ik_n x}$$

Two dimensional lattice



$$e^{i\vec{G} \cdot (\vec{r} + \vec{R})} = e^{i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$\vec{G} = h\vec{b}_1 + k\vec{b}_2; \quad \vec{R} = n_1\vec{a}_1 + n_2\vec{a}_2$$



Examples of reciprocal lattice and first Brillouin

Zone (The Wigner-Seitz primitive cell of the reciprocal lattice)

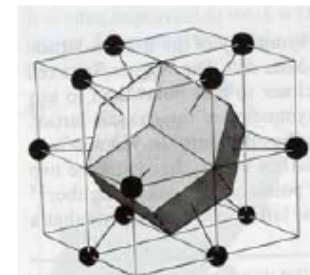
1. Simple cubic lattice (sc)

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{a}_1 &= a\hat{i} & \bar{b}_1 &= \frac{2\pi}{a}\hat{i} \\ \bar{a}_2 &= a\hat{j} & \bar{b}_2 &= \frac{2\pi}{a}\hat{j} \\ \bar{a}_3 &= a\hat{k} & \bar{b}_3 &= \frac{2\pi}{a}\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

The reciprocal lattice of a sc lattice is a sc lattice of side $\frac{2\pi}{a}$

2. Body center cubic lattice (bcc)

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{a}_1 &= \frac{a}{2}(-\bar{i} + \bar{j} + \bar{k}) & \bar{b}_1 &= \frac{4\pi}{a}\frac{1}{2}(\bar{j} + \bar{k}) \\ \bar{a}_2 &= \frac{a}{2}(\bar{i} - \bar{j} + \bar{k}) & \bar{b}_2 &= \frac{4\pi}{a}\frac{1}{2}(\bar{i} + \bar{k}) \\ \bar{a}_3 &= \frac{a}{2}(\bar{i} + \bar{j} - \bar{k}) & \bar{b}_3 &= \frac{4\pi}{a}\frac{1}{2}(\bar{i} + \bar{j})\end{aligned}$$



1 BZ of a bcc lattice

The reciprocal lattice of a bcc lattice is a fcc lattice of side $\frac{4\pi}{a}$

3. Face centered cubic lattice (fcc)

$$\bar{a}_1 = \frac{a}{2}(\bar{j} + \bar{k})$$

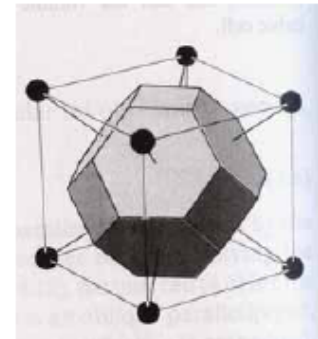
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1 BZ of a fcc lattice

The reciprocal lattice of a fcc lattice is a bcc lattice of side $\frac{4\pi}{a}$

4. Hexagonal lattice (hex)

$$\bar{a}_1 = a \left(\frac{1}{2} \bar{i} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \bar{j} \right)$$

$$\bar{a}_2 = a \left(\frac{1}{2} \bar{i} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \bar{j} \right)$$

$$\bar{a}_3 = c \bar{k}$$

Homework: $\bar{b}_1, \bar{b}_2, \bar{b}_3 = ?$

CMS II-3 Hands-on: vaspview, density of state (DOS), and partial density of state (PDOS)

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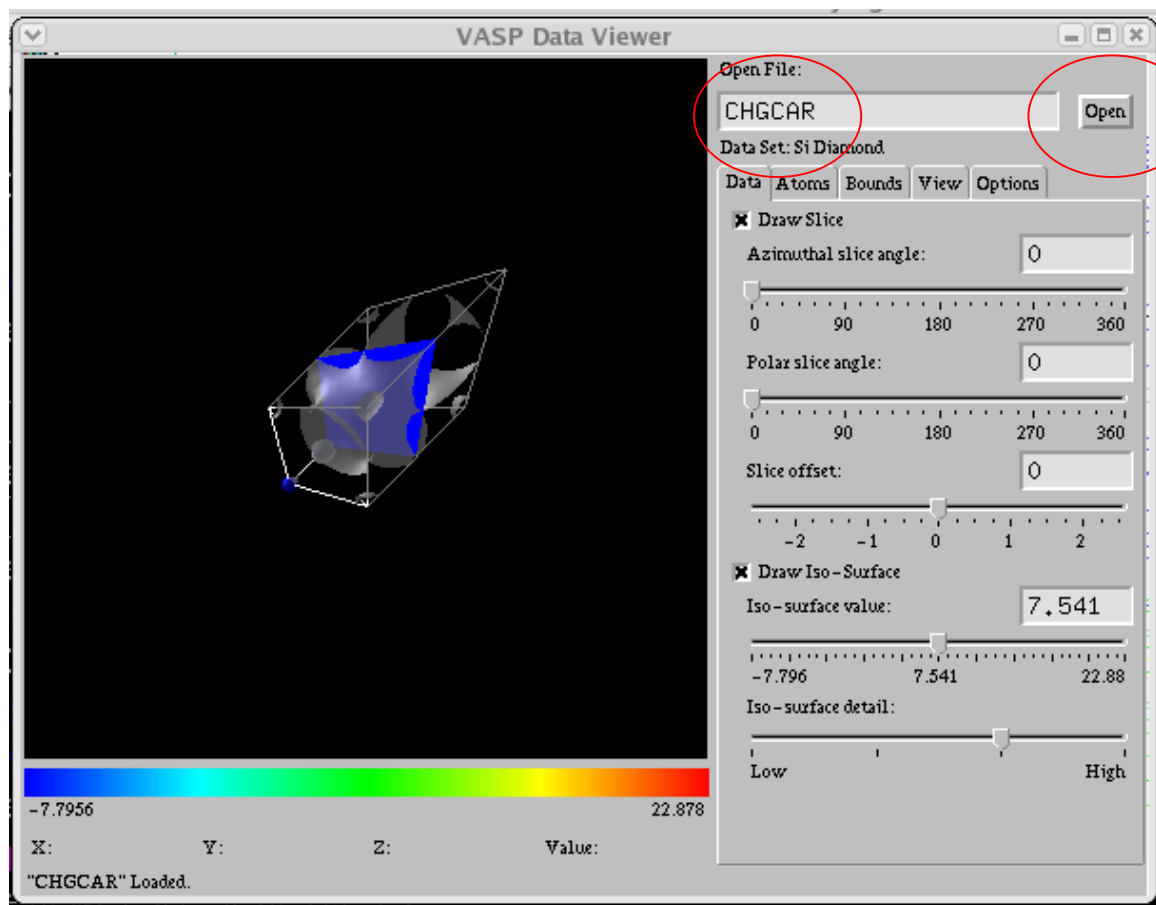
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Vaspview

visualizing the charge (spin, partial charge) density

>vaspview/bin/vaspview CHGCAR



VASP Data Viewer

Open File:

CHG CAR

Open

Data Set: Si Diamond

Data

Atoms

Bounds

View

Options

☐ Draw Slice

Try yourself

Azimuthal slice angle:

0

Polar slice angle:

0

Slice offset:

0

☒ Draw Iso-Surface

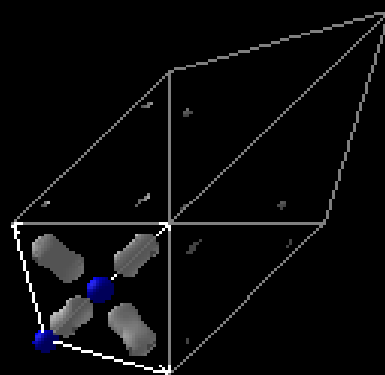
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Iso-surface detail:

Low

High



-7.7956

22.878

X:

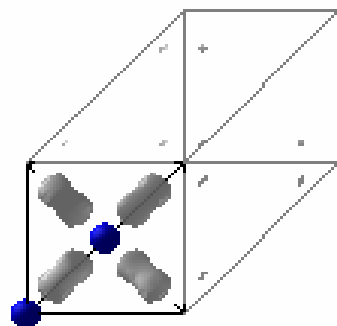
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Data scale type:

☒ Linear☐ Logarithmic

Color scale type:

☒ Rainbow☐ Gray scale

Background color:

☐ Black☒ White

Projection type:

☐ Perspective☒ Orthographic

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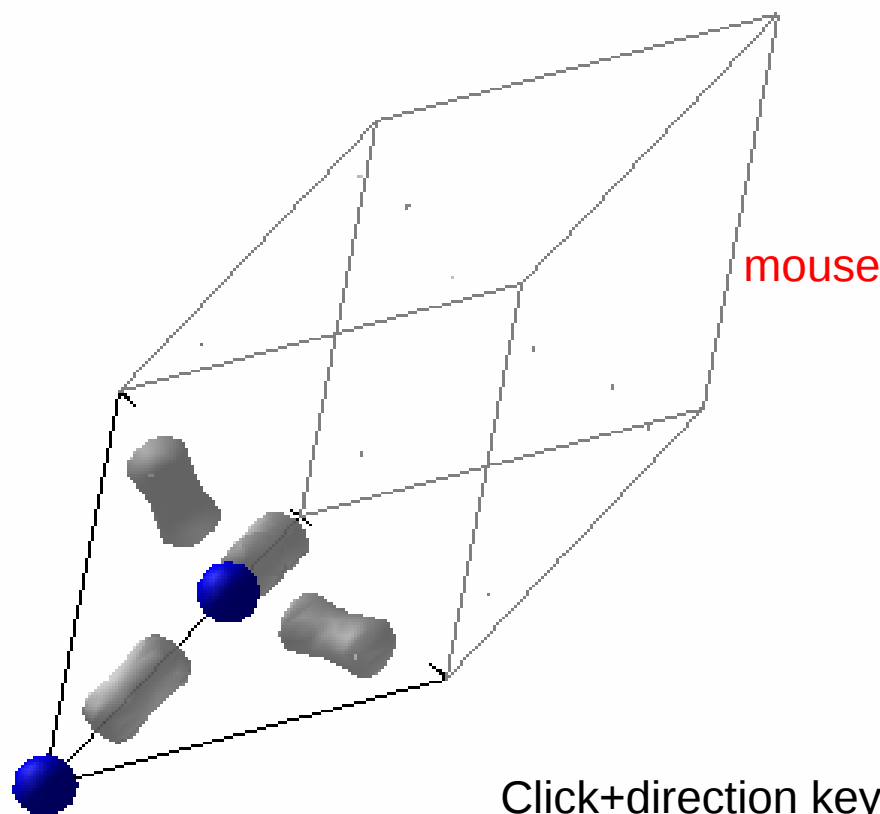
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☒ Draw Coordinate System

Zoom:

0.5

0 1 2

Orientation:

Yaw:

337

0 360

Pitch:

21.3

0 360

Roll:

358

0 360

Lookat:

X:

0.5

-1 0 1 2

Y:

0.5

-1 0 1 2

Z:

0.5

-1 0 1 2

Reset Orientation

Reset Position

Align to Slice

-7.7956

22.878

X:

Y:

Z:

Value:

"CHGCAR" Loaded.

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☒ Draw Atoms

Atom radius:

0.442

0

0.47

0.941

Current Atom:

2

Atom type: 1

Atom location: <0.25,0.25,0.25>

Look at Atom

Hide Atom

Show All Atoms

Bond from:

1

Bond to:

2

Bond size:

1

1

2

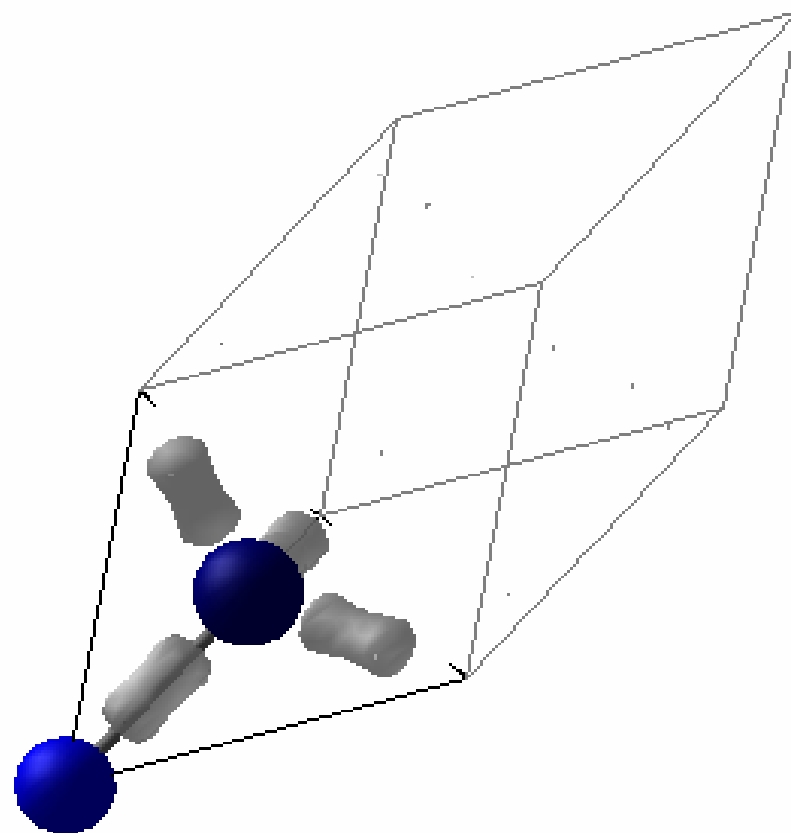
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Add Bond

Delete Bond



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Minimum X:

-1

Minimum Y:

-1

Minimum Z:

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Maximum X:

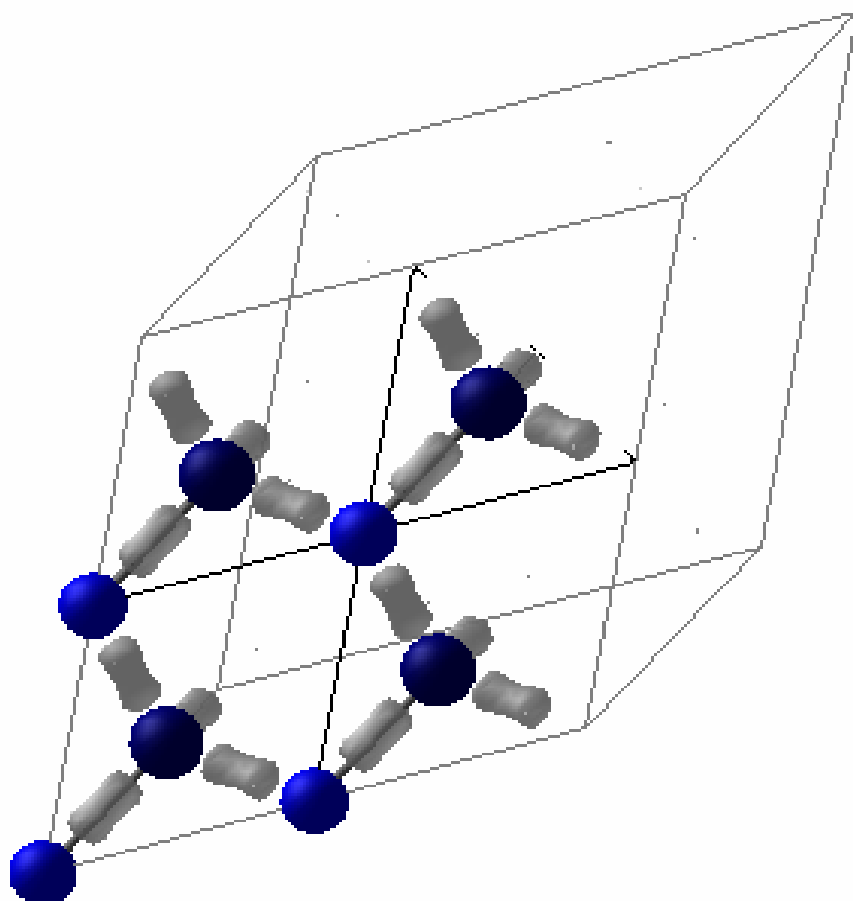
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Maximum Y:

1

Maximum Z:

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X:

Y:

Z:

Value:

"CHGCAR" Loaded.

Density of state

DOSCAR:

2 2 1 0

0.2001288E+02 0.3839590E-09 0.3839590E-09 0.3839590E-09 0.5000000E-15
1.0000000000000000E-004

CAR

Si Diamond

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-8.174 0.0000E+00 0.0000E+00
-8.088 0.0000E+00 0.0000E+00
-8.002 0.0000E+00 0.0000E+00

Save to dos.dat
Plot DOS using xmgrace
Shift Ef to zero

17.457 0.0000E+00 0.1600E+02
17.543 0.0000E+00 0.1600E+02
17.629 0.0000E+00 0.1600E+02

17.62901345 -8.17412253 301 5.77032221 1.00000000
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-8.002 0.0000E+00 0.0000E+00 0.0000E+00

G0: X, Y = [-12.9105, 10.6578]

Draw

Q A_g

Z z

← →

↓ ↑

AutoT

AutoO

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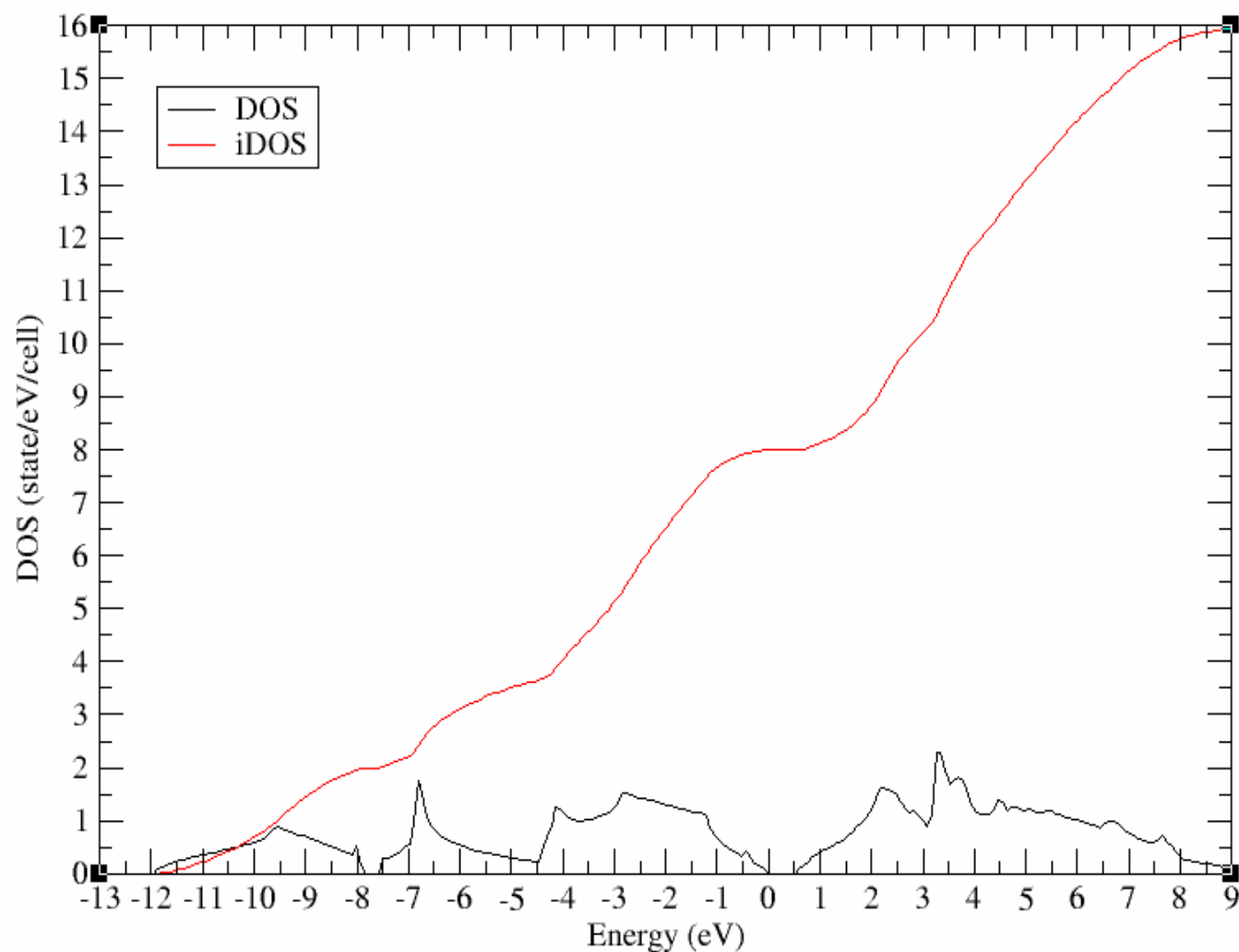
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Exit

Si(Dia)



Partial density of state

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CAR

Si Diamond

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total DOS

Partial DOS of Si1
Save to pdos.dat
Plot PDOS

Partial DOS of Si2

G0: X, Y = [-6.48314, 0.0288621]

Draw

Q A_S

Z Z

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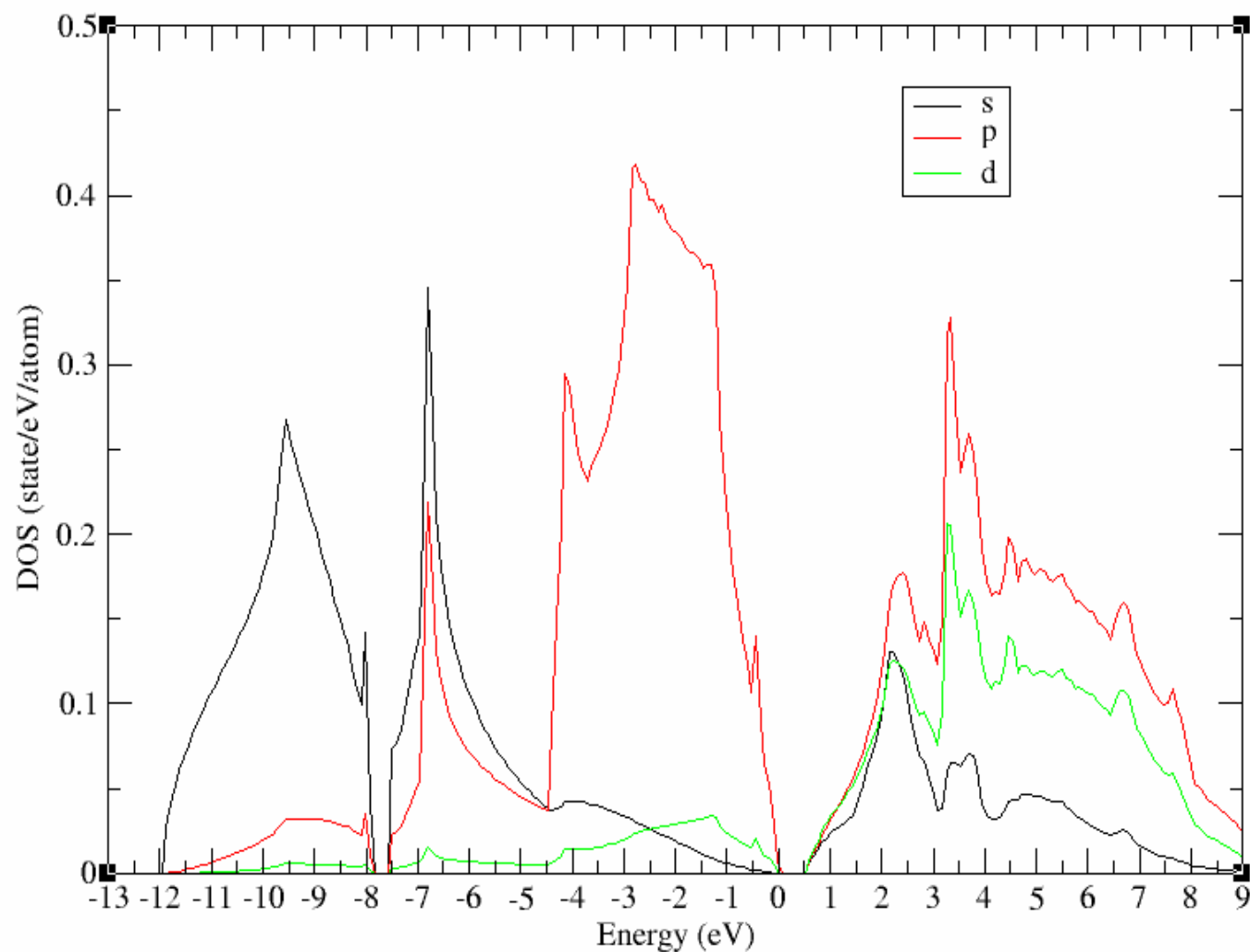
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SD:1

CW:0

Exit

Si (Dia)



Homework

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- Plot charge density, DOS, and PDOS of Si(Dia) and C(Dia) using LDA with experimental lattice constant
- Plot charge density, DOS, and PDOS of Cu(FCC), V(BCC), and Ti(HCP) using GGA with experimental lattice constant (Hint: for HCP lattice, use Gamma Monkhorst-Pack k-mesh by adding 'G' in front of 'Monkhorst-Pack' in KPOINTS)